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ABSTRACT

These three newsletter issues communicate activities of the Child Rights Information Network (CRIN) and report on information resources and worldwide activities concerning children and child rights. The January 1997 issue profiles CRIN members in Costa Rica, Tanzania, Germany, and Switzerland; and provides updates on the activities of projects linked to CRIN, including the CRIN organizations database and the International Resource Centre on the Protection of Children in Adoption. The June 1997 issue profiles CRIN members in Canada, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, and Thailand; updates CRIN-linked activities of the Task Force on National Coalitions, the International Juvenile Justice Network, and UNESCO; and introduces "virtual desks," small groups of organizations that identify information on themes to be shared with CRIN members, such as child labor and commercial sexual exploitation. The October 1997 issue profiles CRIN members in Bangladesh, Senegal, Costa Rica, and the United States; includes updates of activities of the Task Force on National Coalitions and the CRIN Web Site Directory; and discusses the information available on the organization's Web site related to child labor and sexual exploitation. Each issue also contains an annotated bibliography of publications on children's rights and provides information on forthcoming meetings related to children's rights. (KB)

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**What is CRIN?**

CRIN is a global network of children's rights organisations supporting information exchange concerning children and their rights. It is managed by nine international organisations, known as the Facilitating Group and a small Coordinating Unit is based at Save the Children (UK).

CRIN is open to individuals, non-governmental organisations, UN agencies and educational institutions who are involved in children's rights, committed to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (the Convention or CRC) and to sharing information with others. The network has three main aims met through specific project activities and an information service.

The network exists to:
- Support and promote the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- Help to meet the information needs of organisations and individuals working with and for children's rights; and
- Support organisations to gather, handle, produce and disseminate child rights information through training, capacity building and the development of electronic and non-electronic networking tools.

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## News from the coordinator

It is encouraging to see the network growing by the day. We now have more than 250 members in over 30 countries and more than 800 contacts in 100 countries. As most of our members are based in Western Europe, with Asia and the Americas following closely behind a plea goes out to our friends in Central and Eastern Europe, the Arabic countries and Africa to sign up as soon as possible.

Our database, with your help, has the potential to be the most comprehensive directory of children's rights organisations - please send in those questionnaires so we can build on our 150 completed entries. Plans are underway to have the database housed in Uruguay, Kenya, Cyprus and India (see project update). The database is also available from CRIN's new home page on the internet http://childhub.ch/webpub/crhome - why not have a look.

We are also publishing in the Internet Site "Children's House" and have collaborated with the International Secretariat and the Netherlands section of Defence for Children International to publish their kit on children's rights international standards in the Children's Rights Room. More about this, CRIN's new electronic mailing list and some interesting news on training can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

All our achievements could not have been possible without funding and thanks go to Rädda Barnen, Redd Barna, Save the Children (UK), Save the Children Japan, the British Overseas Development Administration and UNICEF and of course the contributions of the Facilitating Group. This year, we hope to expand our funding base within the Save the Children Alliance, other international organisations such as terre des hommes and corporate donors such as IBM. Your ideas and support are always welcomed.

We know that our success in 1997 depends on the commitment and motivation of the membership. So I urge you all to use CRIN, tell us what you want, and contribute to the network by providing information for our newsletter, the organisations database, our Web page and mailing box. With all of our commitments we can build a rich resource on children's rights.

Becky Purbrick,
CRIN Coordinator

## Putting flesh on the bones - news from the Facilitating Group

Jack Glattbach raised the most salient point at our October meeting when he said that 1996 had been the year for building the "architecture of the network". We'd been increasing membership, getting to grips with management meetings, designing the database, producing this newsletter and raising funds. In 1997, he said, we should be "putting flesh on the bones" - moving information around the network, publishing on the Internet and using CRIN's tools.

Once again we invited Butterflies, African Network for Protection and Prevention against Child Abuse and Neglect, Arab Resource Collective and Interamericano Instituto del Niño to join the meeting, hosted by the International Child Development Centre in Florence. We had a packed agenda, covering issues from membership to funding.

### Research on the Reporting process to the Committe on the Rights of the Child for Save the Children (UK)

The aim of this research is to identify examples of good practice to inform a set of recommendations for State Parties.

I am intending to send out a brief questionnaire to a number of NGOs and governments. If you feel the reporting process in your country was particularly noteworthy in any way, and would be willing to respond to the quesionnarie - either in writing or over the phone - I would be very interested to hear from you.

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## A week with CRIN

Even before my visit to CRIN was confirmed I knew I was going to benefit from it. I was amazed at the idea of hundreds of organisations being linked together, exchanging views, data and entering into partnership projects.

CRIN coordinator Becky Purbrick, works with Louise Schuller (technical support worker) in a small office equipped with a lot of good will and extraordinary dedication. The week that I spent with Becky and her colleagues at Save the Children (SCF) was to help me draw new ideas and find some answers to the questions related to the project I am working on in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

SCF's Belgrade office is working with local NGOs to establish a Children's Rights Centre for those involved in children's rights and welfare. We are also planning an advocacy programme - producing a newsletter and raising awareness of the Convention through seminars, conferences and round tables. And we are looking to develop databases on children's issues relevant in the Republic for research and as a resource following the ratification of the Convention in 1991.

NGOs in Yugoslavia are still being marginalized, and although the modern electronic tools allow us to have access to a wide range of information, CRIN provides a framework to communicate quickly and easily and to learn from those who in other environments run projects that reflect the spirit of the Convention.

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## Profiles of CRIN Members

### Casa Alianza
### we serve 4,000 street children a year
**Web Site: http://www.casa-alianza.org**

Casa Alianza is an independent, non-profit organisation dedicated to rehabilitating and defending street children in Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico. While it recognises that national and global poverty affects the lives of street children its resources focus on offering free sanctuary, rehabilitation services, vocational training and legal aid to some 4,000 street children a year.

With a regional office in San Jose, Costa Rica, Casa Alianza is the Latin American branch of the New York-based Covenant House, a leading advocate of children's rights. Founded in Guatemala in 1981, Casa Alianza offers a four-tier programme.

**Our four-tier response**

Outreach: Teams provide street children with emergency medical care, counselling, non-formal education and friendship.

Crisis centres: Children are encouraged to seek further assistance here. They are fed, clothed, given a clean bed, medical care, educational and vocational training.

Transition homes: Younger children are enrolled into public schools and older teenagers are offered jobs or vocational training. The average residency is four months.

Group homes: A team of counsellors support children in a 'family home' environment. Each home houses an average of 14 boys or girls. Children leave at the age of 18 or when they have completed their education.

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Other programme components include: Family reintegration, drug rehabilitation for boys addicted to solvents, care for street girls and their children, Legal Aid services - Casa Alianza opened the first legal aid office for street children in Guatemala and Central America in 1990. In February 1994, a Legal Aid Office for Street Children was also established in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. It also advocates for street children and seeks to empower them to raise their own voices.

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Profile

## Kuleana: Centre for Children's Rights - children have a right to a voice

It began as a street children's organisation, now Kuleana is the leading child rights organisation in Tanzania.

A study on the lives of street children in Mwanza, Tanzania, in 1992, revealed that children suffer when their rights are violated. These findings shaped the vision for Kuleana's programme to:

- work directly with children, to improve their lives and prospects for the future;
- raise awareness and promote the rights of all children in Tanzania.

It does it by focusing on advocacy, policy development, training and resourcing community action.

**Themes for action**

Kuleana's programmes are based on the overriding principle that children have a right to a voice and a meaningful participation in society. Kuleana focuses on four major themes:

- Housegirls (girls in domestic labour)
- Corporal punishment in schools
- Expulsion of pregnant school girls
- Child's power in the home

and six minor themes:

- Female genital mutilation
- Sexual practices of children and young people
- Street children's rights
- Children and law
- Nutritional status of children
- Children and urban environments

Kuleana's programme includes:

Research: Highlighting children's experiences and opinions at the heart of the work;

Publications: Documenting children's voices. Producing materials for children such as pocket booklets, a children's poster magazine, "State of Tanzania's Children" report, posters, murals, games, t-shirts, media articles and radio broadcasts.

Awareness: Public forums, exhibitions, etc; gives technical support to government, organisations and individuals seeking to influence child-centred policies and practices.

Training: Child-centred skills for staff, people working with children, the media and decision-makers.

Street Children: Operates the largest street children programme in Tanzania - 1,000 children a year receive practical support;

Resource Library: Unique within Tanzania and is open to the public.

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## terre des hommes - acting for children

terre des hommes was established in January 1967 when aid meant action, saving lives today not tomorrow. Direct assistance was given to the children lost in the war zones of Vietnam and Biafra. Injured children were flown from Vietnam to Germany while in Biafra 1,000 children were airlifted to safety.

Yet despite a tremendous sense of achievement during this period the provision of immediate humanitarian aid came up against structural and organisational obstacles for providing effective disaster relief. Then there was a need to address the possible negative long-term effects of charity and the political causes of suffering and distress. terre des hommes resolved to fund local grassroots groups committed to assisting children in need in their region.

Action
Today, around 160 action groups all over Germany are the backbone of terre des hommes - the people's movement acting against human suffering. The aim - to raise money and awareness for specific projects.

Partnership
Over 80 per cent of terre des hommes' funds are invested in children, by supporting and maintaining projects in health, education, nutrition, culture and general welfare. Some 320 projects are currently running in more than 20 countries in the South. In 1993 terre des hommes launched its campaign on children's rights which it continues to be committed to.

terre des hommes

It publishes a newspaper five times a year, an annual report as well as leaflets and brochures on its project work.

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## NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child - at the heart of children's rights

A coalition of some 40 international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) make up the committed NGO Group working to raise awareness and ensure the Convention is implemented worldwide. By December 1996, 187 states had signed.

Based in Geneva, these organisations, which include jurists, religious groups, women's rights and educational associations have children's rights or welfare as part of their mandate.

The group is an active source of information for the Committee on the Rights of the Child, concerned UN bodies and interested NGOs.

**The Liaison Unit**
The Unit ensures that the Committee receives information from NGOs for all countries on its agenda. It promotes the preparation of alternative, complemetary or supplementary NGO reports and is compiling an inventory/database of all available NGO reports.

**Task force on national coalitions and thematic subgroups**
A task force has been formed to support the creation of national NGO coalitions. The subgroups work on the themes below as they relate to specific articles in the Convention:

- Child labour
- Refugee-children and children in armed conflict
- Education and the media
- Juvenile Justice

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- Sexual Exploitation
- Adoption and family services
- Leisure and play

The NGO group has prepared "A Guide for Non-Governmental Organizations Reporting to the Committee on the Rights of the Child" and a brochure, "Children's Rights and You. A short introduction to the Convention on the Rights of the Child" and many more on the subgroup themes.

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## The Task Force on National Coalitions - working together

Some 60 countries have now established national NGO coalitions. Their make-up, membership and methodologies vary widely but all share the same basic commitment to monitoring the CRC.

Most coalitions formed to produce an 'alternative' report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child. However, there is a vital and continuing role for them to play once that task is completed. This includes keeping the debate going in the media, acting as watchdogs if the Committee makes recommendations and continuing to lobby - to establish an independent, statutory ombudsman or commissioner for children, for example.

Following on from points raised in a 1996 survey of coalitions, the task force is collecting and analysing the experiences of coalitions; supporting regional initiatives through its member organisations; revising and republishing the Alliance CRC training kit in February; preparing an inventory on training opportunities and exploring further funding. The task force is also encouraging coalitions to join CRIN.

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## Subgroup on refugee children and children in armed conflict

As well as submitting written comments on the draft Optional Protocol on involvement of children in armed conflict and participation, (seeking to raise the age of subscription to 18) the subgroup has been involved with the UN Study on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children (Machel Study). Completed research includes child soldiers, the affects of armed conflict on the girl-child, promoting psychosocial well being of children affected by armed conflict and displacement, and preliminary studes on sexual violence.

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## An expanded role for the subgroup on Sexual Exploitation of Children

This subgroup has been instrumental in the development of a number of international moves against the sexual exploitation of children including the UN Programme of Action on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. It was also the co-sponsor of the World Congress against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, held in Stockholm last August, where it drew on the experience of NGOs working day and night with child survivors of prostitution and pornography. It has produced a number of papers including work on child

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## Child Rights Information Network: Organisations Questionnaire

(Please write in black and as clearly as possible)

### About your organisation

1. Name of organisation: .....

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2. Acronym: ..... 3. Date of establishment: .....

4. Postal address: .....

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Country: .....

5. Telephone (with country and area codes): .....

6. Fax (with country and areas codes): .....

7. Email address: .....

8. Name of director: .....

9. Name of the contact person (s) for CRIN .....

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10. Number of staff..... 11. Average annual income: .....

### Your aims and programmes

12. Aims and programmes (please provide a short description of the aims of your organisation, your programmes and their intended impact.) .....

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13. Please list your **main** areas of work with children eg. primary education, adoption, juvenile justice.

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14. Type of organisation (please tick the appropriate boxes)

| Type of organisation | National | Regional | International |
|---|---|---|---|
| Non-governmental | | | |
| UN/Multilateral | | | |
| Grassroots Community Based Organisation | | | |
| Academic | | | |

15. Please indicate your **main** target audiences or intended beneficiaries of your programmes (please tick the appropriate boxes)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Children (0-4) | | Women | | Governments | | Media | |
| Children (5 -15) | | Families | | UN Agencies | | General public | |
| Children (16-18) | | Communities | | NGOs | | Commerce | |

16. Please indicate your geographical focus of work (please tick the appropriate boxes)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North Africa | | North America | | Western Europe | | South Asia | |
| West Africa | | South America | | Eastern Europe | | South East Asia | |
| East and Central Africa | | Central America | | Former Soviet Union | | Central Asia | |
| Southern Africa | | Caribbean | | Arabic Countries | | Pacific | |

Please indicate if you only work in one country, and name that country .....
Please indicate if your work is global .....

17. Please indicate your **main** approaches or methods of working (please tick the appropriate boxes)

| Approach | Funding | Operational | Partnership |
|---|---|---|---|
| Service provision | | | |
| Hands on technical support | | | |
| Training and advice services | | | |
| Advocacy | | | |
| Research and information | | | |

18. Please list any key research programmes you have undertaken which relate to children.

Title of Research programme Title of research report Researcher's name Date

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19. Please provide details of any publications your organisation produces that you think may be of interest to CRIN's membership. Use this section to tell us about your annual report, newsletter, periodicals and books.

Title of publication Author of publication Date

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**About your information resources or documentation centre**

The questions below relate to your information resources. If you do not have an organised information collection you do not need to complete these questions. Please go to question 26.

20. Please provide a brief description of your documentation centre, resource centre, library or information collection. (Please include purpose of your centre, main users, subject and specialist collections, size and services)

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21. Please indicate the **main** subject areas of your information collection, according to the articles in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please only tick the appropriate boxes.

**General principles:**

Definition of the child ☐ Non discrimination ☐ Best interests of the child ☐ Implementation of the Convention ☐ Right to life ☐ Existing standards ☐

**Civil rights and freedoms**

Name & nationality ☐ Preservation of identity ☐ Freedom of expression ☐ Freedom of association ☐ Protection from cruelty ☐ Protection of privacy ☐ Protection from libel & slander ☐ Access to appropriate information ☐ Protection from injurous information ☐ Standard of living (rights) ☐ Children of minority & indigenous peoples ☐

**Family environment and alternative care**

Parental guidance ☐ Extended families & child development ☐ Children separated from their parents ☐ Family reunification ☐ Illicit transfer & non return ☐ Parental responsibilities ☐ Child care services ☐ Child abuse & neglect ☐ Alternative care ☐ Institutional care ☐ Adoption & intercountry adoption ☐ Placement evaluations ☐ Children & social security ☐ Standards of living (provision) ☐ Street children ☐

**Basic health and welfare**

Disabled children ☐ Disease control ☐ Family planning ☐ Harmful traditional practices ☐ Health services ☐ Health & hygiene education ☐ Infant & child mortality ☐ Mother & child health ☐ Nutrition & malnutrition ☐ Pollution & the environment ☐ Preventative health care ☐ Primary health care ☐ Water & sanitation ☐ Rehabilitative treatment & care ☐

**Education, leisure and cultural activities**

Compulsory education ☐ Free education ☐ Higher education ☐ Illiteracy & literacy ☐ Primary education ☐ School discipline ☐ School attendance & dropout rates ☐ Secondary education ☐ Vocational guidance ☐ Aims of education ☐ Play & leisure ☐ Cultural life ☐

**Special protection measures**

Refugee children ☐ Refugee protection ☐ Refugee law ☐ Family tracing & unaccompanied children ☐ Humanitarian aid ☐ Children in armed conflict ☐ Child soldiers ☐ Humanitarian law ☐ Civilian protection in war ☐ Landmines ☐

**Legal**

Capital punishment ☐ Detention & imprisonment ☐ Torture cruel treatment & punishment ☐ Alternatives to judicial proceedings & imprisonment ☐ Charging children ☐Convicted children ☐ Children & judicial bodies ☐ Juvenile offenders ☐

Legal assistance for children ☐ Trials & hearings involving children ☐ Minimum age & legal rights ☐

**Exploitation**

Child labour ☐ Slavery & bonded labour ☐ Drug abuse & drug protection ☐ Sexual exploitation & abuse ☐ Child pornography ☐ Child prostitution ☐ Sale trafficking & abduction ☐ Other forms of exploitation ☐

**Implementation of the CRC**

Monitoring ☐ Ombudswork ☐ National Coalition ☐ Legislative reform ☐ Advocacy ☐
Other .....:

22. What types of documents do you hold in your documentation centre? (Please tick the appropriate boxes)

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| UN | | Legal | | Country-Specific | | Policy-related | |
| Governmental | | Statistical | | Global | | Press-related | |
| Academic | | Case Study | | Project-related | | Public education | |

23. What language(s) does your collection include?: .....

24. Please provide a brief description of the databases that you have developed eg. bibliographical on child labour, full text on education, projects, etc. .....
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25. Are any of your databases available on CD-ROM, on-line or on the internet, if so please provide brief details of how to access them. (eg the Children's House http://childhouse.uio.no/)
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26. Do you give permission for this information to be published in a directory? Yes ☐ No ☐

27. Is your organisation willing and able to respond to information requests from other organisations?
Yes ☐ No ☐

26. What information services can you provide eg literature searches, accession lists etc? .....
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26. Completed by ..... Date: .....

Please return as soon as possible to the address below. Please include any relevant supporting materials and documentation eg annual report, research reports etc.

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recovery from commercial exploitation; UN responses; regional studies from the Middle East and North Africa and a bibliography on sexual exploitation of children.

The brochure "Combatting the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. A UN Programme of Action 1992" is also available.

All documents are free of charge for developing countries and countries in transition. For additional information contact **Hélèn Sackstein, subgroup secretariat based at Defence for Children International in Geneva.**

For the details of the other subgroups contact the Liaison Unit of the NGO Group.

## CRIN's organisations database: project update

**An invitation to use CRIN's Organisations Database**
Some 150 organisations have now contributed to the database by completing the questionnaire (see centre pages). The database is now up and running and can be accessed via the Internet - just visit CRIN's home page and click on "CRIN's databases and others". Or you if you have Lotus Notes and are a member of CRIN, you can have your own copy - please contact the Coordinating Unit for details.

**Four Southern Partners**
Butterflies (India), Instituto Interamericano del Niño, (Uruguay), ANPPCAN (Kenya) and the Arab Resource Collective (Cyprus and Lebanon) have all agreed to pilot the database. They will be responsible for adding information, testing out the use and benefits of exchanging information via Lotus Notes. After the pilot phase we plan to make the database widely available.

**Lotus Notes version 4**
Software is constantly upgraded and Lotus Notes is no different. CRIN is now moving to Version 4 which offers the following benefits:
- online updating is more selective and therefore quicker and more efficient;
- the tools for searching the database have been improved and there are new design features which allow us to make commands and instructions more graphical and thus more user-friendly.

**CRIN's questionnaire**
Once again, all CRIN members (and prospective members) are urged to complete the questionnaire featured in the centre pages. This information is vital to the continuing development of CRIN's database and directory.

Becky Purbrick, CRIN Coordinator

## New Web Sites

**Save the Children**

The **International Save the Children Alliance** web pages focus on three themes:

- the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- children's poverty and the economic system and
- children in armed conflict and displacement

Pages include major Alliance documents, a full list of all the national coalitions and information on the NGO Group on the Convention on the Rights of the Child

**http://www.osaka.savechildren.or.jp/alliance**

**unicef**
United Nations Children's Fund

The **UNICEF International Child Development Centre,** (the Innocenti Centre), provides a forum for exchange of ideas, experience and research in children's rights, economic policies and resource distribution. Its web pages detail the Centre's projects, research and publications.

**http://www.childhub.ch/webpub/icdchome**

## CRIN's Internet Activities: project update

### Home at last

I am very pleased to announce the launch of CRIN's Home Page on the Internet. As soon as you put this newsletter down I hope that you will be rushing to your PC to visit us on:

**http://www.childhub.ch/webpub/crhome**

Children's Rights - What's new?

Current priorities - Issues & campaigns

New publications

Conferences & discussion groups

Databases of children's rights information

The Convention on the Rights of the Child

We want this to become one of the key resources on children's rights on the Internet and anyone's first port of call when looking for children's rights information. The current contents of the home page includes: CRIN members contact details, links to home pages, editor's comments, calls for contributions and ideas, Facilitating Group news, children's rights - what's new, issues and campaigns... and much much more.

The Coordinating Unit has started publishing information in the various sections. But we are not the producers of information and we cannot do it all! It is very important that members recognise this as their site on the Internet - so take a look and think about what information you could add and send it to us (via email, fax or post). If you are already publishing on the Internet - tell us where and we will make the links.

As members of the children's rights community it is our duty and responsibility to make sure that information about children's rights is accessible to everyone. Please help to make this a great resource - your comments and contributions are welcome.

**CRIN's electronic mailing list**

CRIN now has its own electronic mailing list, for members only. You can post news, announcements, ideas and requests to one email address. Messages are automatically sent to all members on the list.

To avoid the problem of receiving junk mail we have introduced guidelines which explain what you can and cannot send to the mailing box.

If you are a member of CRIN and want a quick and easy means of keeping in touch - send your subscription in today. If you are a member and you have just installed email then make sure you have updated the Coordinating Unit.

**The Children's Rights Room in the Children's House**

I hope that you have had a chance to visit the children's house (http//:childhouse.uio.no). CRIN is responsible for the Children's Rights Room and we have now started publishing information produced by our members. Please visit the room and send us your ideas.

Becky Purbrick, CRIN Coordinator

New Web Site

## UNCHR
## United Nations Centre for Human Rights

UNCHR's Web pages have all the official documentation relating to the Convention. The site gives access to their treaty body database which includes the full text of State Party reports and reports of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

**http://www.unhchr.ch**

## CRIN keen to get into training

The Facilitating Group and the new working group on training are keen to develop a comprehensive training strategy which will meet individual members needs, strengthen the network and make use of CRIN's networking tools such as the organisations database.

A course on setting up and running a documentation centre is just one of the group's ideas. Radda Barnen is working with the International Centre for Childhood and Family in France and the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS) in the Gambia, refining a pilot training project proposal to present to the Facilitating Group's April meeting, although the project may not begin until 1998.

Ideas, experiences and materials on information management and training are always welcome.

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### Database on Protection of Children in Respect of Adoption, International Social Services

The International Resource Centre on the Protection of Children in Adoption (IRC/ ISS), has created a database, using Lotus Notes Version 4 software. It has been designed by a Lotus Notes specialist, a documentalist on children's rights and an expert on adoption. The documentation aspect of the database is already being used by the ISS documentation centre. ISS hopes that the database will be up and running in April 1997. Tools for processing information on organisations and individuals (including experts) active in the field of adoption and related issues have also been developed.

If you have information or are active in the field of child protection/ children's rights in respect of internal or intercountry adoption, please contact:
International Social Service
Chantal Saclier
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Switzerland
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# New Publications on children's rights

**The Rights of the Child: A European Perspective, 1996**
Council of Europe Publishing, ISBN 92-8713006X
F-67075 Strasbourg Cedex, France
Reflects the extraordinary richness of the Council of Europe's legal instruments concerning children.

**Children in Europe, 1996**
Sandy Ruxton, nch action for children,
85 Highbury Park, London, N5 1UD, UK
Tel +44 171 226 2033, Fax +44 171 226 2537
Accessible and informative and essential reading for policy-makers, practitioners and the public.

**Small Hands: Children in the Working World, 1996**
Rachel Marcus and Caroline Harper, Save the Children UK
Save the Children, Publications Unit
17 Grove Lane, London , SE5 8RD, UK
Tel +44 171 703 5400, Fax +44 171 708 2508
This paper is designed to help development policy analysts and practitioners analyse the causes of child work and develop strategies for action.
Price: £2.95

**Helping Business to Help Stop Child Labour, 1996**
Jayanti Durai and edited by Mike Dottridge, Anti-Slavery International
The Stableyard, Broomgrove Road, London SW9 9TL, UK
Tel +44 171 924 9555, Fax +44 171 738 4110
Email antislavery@gn.apc.org
This report will be of interest to supporters of child rights and to those who want Western-based companies to act responsibly towards workers.
Price £4.99

**Child labour: Targeting the Intolerable, 1996**
International Labour Office, ISBN 92 2 110328 5
ILO Publications, CH 1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland
Tel +41 22 799 61 11, Fax +41 22 798 63 58
Email pubsales@ilo.ch
A timely report invaluable to all those who are working to halt such abusive conditions as bonded labour, child prostitutes, and the exposure of children to dangerous chemicals, machinery and other hazards.
Available in French, Spanish, German, Russian, Chinese and Arabic
£8.10, US$13.50, SFR 15

**Trade unions and child labour: A guide to action, 1996**
Alec Fyfe and Michele Jankanish, ILO,
contact as above
What can trade unions do in the struggle against child labour? Here is a practical framework for action at the local, national and international levels, including a ten-step guide.
£10.80, US $ 18, SFR 20

**Tell me! The right of the child to information, 1996**
Marian Koren, NBLC, ISBN 90 5483 1189
NBLC, Customer Services, PO Box 43300, 2504 AH Den Haag, the Netherlands
Tel +31 70 3090300, Fax +31 70 3090400
Tell me! is the result of a study examining the extent to which information processes are legally protected and provides ideas for professionals involved in human rights, children and information.
Price f 125.

**Internal and Intercountry Adoption Laws, 1996**
International Social Service
Kluwer Law International, Order Department, P.O.Box 85889, 2508 CN The Hague, The Netherlands,
Fax +31 70 3081555 or
675 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA - for USA, Canada and Mexico.
This is the first issue of a unique collection dealing with internal and intercountry adoption legislation in 60 of the countries most concerned (both states of origin and receiving states).

**Development strategies, macro-economic policies and the rights of the child**
Stefan de Vylder for Rädda Barnen
Rädda Barnen Publishing, attn: Carole Henderson
107 88 Stockholm, Sweden
No policies are "child neutral". Even policies which appear to have little impact on children are likely to have a bias for, or against, the rights of the child.
Price SKr 40, please indicate Order No 1058

**Children affected by Organised Violence: an annotated bibliography on research methods**
Jo Boyden and Sara Gibbs
**Methods of research with street children: an annotated bibliography**
Judith Ennew and Brian Milne
Part of the "Local Research Project" initiated and funded by Rädda Barnen and Save the Children (UK). A number of studies, surveys and evaluations have been annotated.
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**A model for action: The Children's Rights Development Unit**
Gerison Lansdown for UNICEF Innocenti Studies
UNICEF International Child Development Centre
Piazza SS Annunziata, 12
50122 Florence, Italy
Tel +39 55 234 5258, Fax +39 55 244 817
The author presents the methodology and broad strategies adopted by the Unit to promote the implementation of the CRC in the UK and can provide a model for action for children's rights organisations in the North and South.
Price US $9 plus postage and packaging 15%

**Children's Rights and Responsibilities** and **Women and girls have rights**. Kuleana Centre for Children's Rights
Two colourful booklets, with drawings and text on specific rights available in Kiswahili and in English.
Kuleana centre for children's rights
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Fax +255 68 42402
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## Forthcoming meetings on children's rights

**February, 1997**
**Launch of the Australian National Agenda for Children**
Oz Child, Children Australia Inc
PO Box 1312
South Melbourne, 3205
Australia
Tel +61 3 9695 2200
Fax +61 3 9696 0507

**12-17 February, 1997**
**Regional Summit on the Rights of the Child, Education and Development**
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, UNESCO/Childhood Foundation
Aicha bah Diallo
Director of Basic Education, UNESCO
7 Place de Fontenoy
75352, Paris
France
Tel +33 1 4568 2141
Fax +33 1 4568 5626

**14 February, 1997**
**Scotland's Children and Young People: making a reality of children's rights and tackling the wrongs**
Stirling Royal Infirmary Conference Centre
Ruth Campbell
Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights
c/o Save the Children Fund
8 Clifton Terrace
Edinburgh EH12 5DR
UK

**March 20-23, 1997**
**Children in the world: Exploring the Rights of the Child**
Saint Xavier University
Brian Klug
3700 West 103rd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60655
Tel +1 312 298 3278
Fax + 1 312 779 3272
Email children@sxu.edu

**March 1997**
**The protection of families and children: The role of NGOs in the European Union**
Fundacion Cooperacion y Educacion, Madrid
Manuel Pozo
PL Tirso de Molina, 5, No 3 der
Madrid
Spain
Tel +34 1 369 2777
Fax +34 1 369 0525

**April, 1997**
**Children's Rights: The next step**
Australia
Defence for Children International, Australia
PO Box 383
Dickson Act 1602
Tel +61 6 257 6422
Fax +61 6 257 6722
Email dci-australia@netinfo.com.au

**Call for Abstracts**
**Salient Factors that Impede the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Africa**
The Third African Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1-5 December 1997, Nairobi, Kenya
Stephen Mugambi
c/o ANPPCAN Regional Office
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Nairobi
Kenya
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Fax +254 2 721 999
Email anppcan@arcc.or.ke

**Committee on the Rights of the Child, 15th Sessions**
UN Centre for Human Rights, Geneva
Full sessional meeting, 20 May - 6 June: Cuba, Bangladesh, Ghana, Algeria, Australia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Azerbaijan
Pre sessional meeting, 9 June - 13 June: Uganda, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Trinidad and Tobago, Togo, Czech Republic, Maldives.
For more information contact the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, see page 6.

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## Membership Form

**(Please write or type in black as clearly as possible)**

Name of organisation or individual: .....

Type of organisation .....
(NGO, UN agency, Educational or Academic Institute, Individual)

Name of CRIN contact: .....

Address: .....
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Tel: ..... Fax: .....

Email: ..... Languages .....

Information needs of your organisation: .....
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Possible contributions which your organisation could make to the network eg access to databases, expertise advice, funding: .....
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**Statement of commitment**
As a member of the network we/I am committed to share information with other network members in accordance our/my own policies and guidelines.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

CRIN Declaration
CRIN is an open network of members and therefore holds no official status beyond that of its member organisations. CRIN is unable to accredit any member organisation or provide funding for its members, unless funding is directly related to one of CRIN's projects approved by the Facilitating Group.

Please return to:
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Newsletter

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## What is CRIN ?

CRIN is a newly formed global network of children's rights organisations seeking to support the effective exchange of information about children and their rights. It is supported by nine international organisations, known as the Facilitating Group and the Coordinator is based at Save the Children (UK).

CRIN is open to individuals, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), UN agencies and educational institutions who are involved in children's rights, committed to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (the Convention or CRC) and to sharing information. The network has three main aims which it seeks to meet through specific project activities and an information service based at the Coordinating Unit.

The network exists to:

- Support and promote the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Help to meet the information needs of organisations and individuals working with and for children's rights.
- Support organisations to gather, handle, produce and disseminate child rights information through training, capacity building and the development of electronic and non-electronic networking tools.

If you want to join the network, find out more about CRIN or request information on children's rights issues, please contact
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Web Site
http://www.childhub.ch/webpub/crhome

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## Editorial

OUR network continues to grow by the day, we now have some 320 members in more than 90 countries worldwide. We have now produced a membership directory, with contact details and information on members' activities. (The directory is distributed only to member organisations).

Our projects are steadily growing and improving.

CRIN's database is available on our Web Site and can be searched using key words. We have also sent copies on Lotus Notes software to seven organisations, including the Interamerican Institute for Children in Uruguay and Butterflies in India. We are also preparing the first edition of a directory of children's rights organisations which we plan to publish in July. Our Web Site is now

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providing information on current issues such as child labour, full text documents on the Convention, links to other databases and information about our 300-plus members. In September, we plan to officially launch our site.

As the Coordinator, one of the most exciting developments has been the introduction of our own electronic mailing list CRINMAIL (See the Do's and Don'ts of CRINMAIL pg.8)

Despite our successes, we need to find more ways of becoming an interactive network. We would like our members to be users and contributors to our networking activities. For this reason we have decided to focus on themes such as child labour to give substance and depth to our projects. But more of that later.
Over the coming months, I will be working closely with a small team from UNICEF, Rädda Barnen and a southern organisation to implement immediate plans and develop a strategy for the next five years. The Facilitating Group may adopt a more advisory role and look at overall policies and issues such as the feasibility of a CRIN general assembly.

Meanwhile, I hope that you find this June issue of CRIN's newsletter informative. We have included profiles from organisations working on children's rights in Canada, street children, networking in Latin America and commercial sexual exploitation of children. You will also find out about two new networks on children and media violence and juvenile justice.

Finally, any comments, ideas and contributions for the next issue (out in October) should be sent to the Coordinating Unit.

Kind regards

Becky Purbrick
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# "Virtual Desks" on Child Labour and Commercial Sexual Exploitation

CRIN is about to embark on its first themes child labour and commercial sexual exploitation of children, followed by children in armed conflict and children in the media. The focus will be on information exchange - not programming, advocacy or campaigning - the remit of our members.

At the Facilitating Group's March meeting, we decided to really embrace the technological world and establish "virtual thematic desks". No these won't include thematic robots or cyberworkers!! We hope that each desk will consist of a small group of organisations with expertise on each theme. Each group, supported by the Coordinator, will identify the type of information that could be shared within CRIN and how this information could be gathered or produced.

Each desk will also be responsible for contributing to the newsletter, organisations database and the web site.

Initially, we hope to support information sharing around the drafting of the new ILO Convention on the most hazardous forms of child labour, all the significant conferences and activities such as the Oslo Conference and the Global March Against Child Labour.

Supporting information acitivities linked to the follow up the of Stockholm conference on the commercial sexual exploitation of children will also be a priority. We hope to collaborate with ECPAT and the NGO Group's subgroup on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

Please contact the Coordinator if you have any particular interest in these two themes and would like to participate in our future activities.

# Profiles of CRINMembers

## Canadian Information Network on Children and Youth Rights (CINCYR)

INFORMATION should be accessible to children and so must be easily understood and interesting, says CINCYR, a new service reaching out to children and youth in Canada.

It creates ways of sharing information to help research, education and advocacy on children's rights in Canada. Children and youth are contacted through their families, children's and youth organisations and service agencies, schools and the media.

CINCYR's four main objectives are to:

- coordinate and improve access to information on children's rights in Canada;
- promote research, education, action on children's rights issues and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- build the capacity of children's rights advocates by providing accurate and reliable information;
- encourage children and youth to participate in the creation and running of the network.

The network is taking advantage of technologically advanced tools such as electronic mail and the Internet, but efforts are also given to developing low-technology products. With the support of Human Rights Internet, CINCYR has surveyed organisations in Canada that focus on children's rights. This information has been used to create a database of organisations and a directory called "Do it Right: Who is doing what on children and youth rights in Canada". This directory complements the booklet "Say it Right: The unconventional Canadian Youth Edition of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child" produced by the Canadian coalition for children's rights. It is a resource for children and youth which talks about their rights and gives lists of books, magazines, computer networks, videos and youth organisations helping to support and promote children's rights.

CINCYR is managed by a steering committee of children's rights specialists and activists including the Canadian Coalition on the Rights of the Child, Pueblito Canada, Child Welfare League of Canada, the Canadian Resource Centre on Child and Youth and Human Rights Internet. The network is based at Human Rights Internet an international communications network and clearing house.

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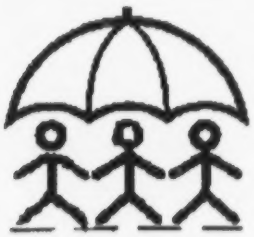
# Profile

## Consortium for Street Children



THE inspiration for the Consortium came from the late Baroness Wart-Biggs, then President of UNICEF UK, who felt that some kind of task force for street children that brought both large and smaller NGOs together was essential.

The Consortium was born following a meeting in January 1992 when more than 20 people, representing 16 organisations, attended. It was formally launched on 28 November 1993, at 10 Downing Street, in the presence of former prime minister John Major who had an interest in the issue following his visit to a street children's project in Rio de Janeiro during the Rio 'Earth Summit'. Former street children from Projecto Axe, attended the launch.

The Consortium focuses on two strands: addressing the immediate needs of children living and working on the streets, and those at risk of street living; and campaigning for improving conditions of children in the future. CSC's aim is to create better futures for street and working children by:

- facilitating the exchange of expert information on the most effective strategies for outreach, child care, community work and project management;
- increasing public awareness of street and working children;
- advising national and international legislators and policy-makers on polices which will create better futures for street and working children;
- supporting campaigns which promote children's rights in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Consortium now has a large membership of both large and small NGOs with a number of individual members, all of them entirely concerned with specific projects or programmes that include street and working children. There are also a number of observer members whose work covers a wider mandate but includes street children or broader children's rights issues.

Since 1994, the Consortium has had a paid Director based in London who coordinates and supports members' work. Since 1995, activities have included: capacity building workshops for members; advocacy for an integrated policy for children in development; the publication of a resource directory; preparation of a comprehensive Legal handbook on the protection and defence of street and working children (publication in late 1997); funding for conferences in Colombia and Indonesia and support to television and the media.

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## Inter-American Children's Institute (Instituto Interamericano del Niño)

THE Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) actively promotes the rights and needs of children in the Americas, urging society to mobilise resources to improve their living conditions.

The institute seeks to promote an awareness of the problems of childhood, youth, maternity, family and the community - all its activities are within the framework of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

It is a specialised organisation of the Organisation of American States, founded in 1927. The institute models itself as a facilitator of other organisations, promoting cooperation through research, training and dissemination of information in a variety of topics. The institute's information services include:-

- a document database with over 50,000 bibliographic references (see table);
- an organisations database with more than 3,000 institutions from Latin America and the Caribbean;
- a legal database of laws related to the child in Latin America and the Caribbean such as child protection law, juvenile delinquency, adoption and disability legislation.

The institute's information products include:-

- CD Roms;
- a bibliographical journal produced biannually in five topics including education, health, drug use, legal affairs and social affairs;
- a Yellow Pages on Children - a directory of organisations working for children at risk.

References in the document database according to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

| Art | Doc | Art | Doc | Art | Doc | Art | Doc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 83 | 11 | 423 | 23 | 2766 | 33 | 1837 |
| 2 | 902 | 12 | 100 | 24 | 3787 | 34 | 712 |
| 3 | 145 | 13 | 76 | 25 | 670 | 35 | 249 |
| 4 | 363 | 14 | 219 | 26 | 243 | 37 | 397 |
| 5 | 184 | 17 | 980 | 27 | 1553 | 38 | 219 |
| 6 | 221 | 18 | 558 | 28 | 4310 | 39 | 1723 |
| 7 | 47 | 19 | 2527 | 29 | 1673 | 40 | 1188 |
| 8 | 281 | 20 | 856 | 30 | 264 | 41 | 1541 |
| 9 | 223 | 21 | 632 | 31 | 1214 | | |
| 10 | 66 | 22 | 333 | 32 | 1617 | | |

Please note that most documents are in Spanish

The institute has established a network of 34 centres in 15 countries in Latin America, all participating in the exchange and dissemination of information using and developing the institutes services and products.

The Coordinator of the institute's information programme has participated in three of CRIN's management meetings since March 1995. The institute is one of the first southern-based members to participate in the decentralised management of CRIN's organisations database. (See next page for contact details)

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## Profile

### End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and the Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purpose (ECPAT)

ECPAT is a global movement seeking to end this huge and illegal trade which is currently believed to involve about two million children under the age of 16 years.

It is a networking organisation dedicated to finding ways to protect children from those who sexually exploit them. ECPAT motivates local communities to find strategies to protect children, involving children themselves in seeking solutions to commercial sex abuse. It monitors the activities of sex abusers, child traffickers and sex tourists and seeks ways to control child pornography. It provides training for people working, rehabilitating and helping child victims. ECPAT also collaborates with other NGOs, UN agencies, the tourism industry, Interpol and local law enforcement to end the sexual trade of children.

ECPAT was a co-sponsor of the first World Congress Against the Commercial Exploitation of Children, held in Stockholm in August 1996. Some 122 state governments agreed to put into place measures that would end the commercial sexual exploitation of children by the year 2000. ECPAT has now planned and developed follow up activities in eight areas to support the implementation of the Agenda for Action:-

- participation of youth to work on issues surrounding commercial sexual exploitation culminating in an international or regional event in August 1998;
- development of a global ECPAT network, spreading to Africa and Latin America;
- investigation of new developments in child pornography, especially in the computer age;
- cooperation and national actions regarding child sex tourism;
- establishment of community groups to monitor child sex abusers and the enforcement of law;
- implementation of community education programmes in selected east Asian countries;
- training for those working to rehabilitate sexually abused children;
- development and use of a major database to monitor the activities of all governments in the area of commercial sexual exploitation of children and in particular the implementation of the Agenda for Action.

### Information resources

ECPAT's main office in Thailand produces a quarterly newsletter, costing US25$ annually for subscribers. The ECPAT bulletin is a monthly collection of newspaper clippings from around the world, costing US125$ a year. ECPAT is also producing monthly global updates, a summary of government and community initiatives in response to the World Congress. (The global updates will be published on CRIN's Web Site.) ECPAT also gathers information about extra-territorial legislation and legislation protecting children from sexual exploitation.

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# Project update

## CRIN's Organisations Database: More organisations included in the database

OVER 200 children's rights organisations have completed our questionnaire and are included in CRIN's organisations database. We are currently compiling a paper directory. If you want your organisation included then send your completed questionnaire as soon as possible. We are scanning full text information into the database, so please send the Coordinating Unit your brochures and publications lists.

## Focus on themes

Over the coming months we will be gathering information about organisations working in the field of child labour or commercial sexual exploitation. If you fit this category, please complete CRIN's organisations questionnaire enclosed with this newsletter. And let us know of any other organisations with these interests by faxing or emailing the Coordinating Unit.

## Access via the Internet

Don't forget that you can access and search CRIN's database by visiting our Web Site on http://www.childhub.ch/webpub/crhome. Please remember that the database is not yet comprehensive..... and so there are many gaps.

## Decentralised access and participation

The software we use is called Lotus Notes which allows us to provide access in a decentralised way. Copies of the database have now been shared with Defence for Children International, Inter-American Institute of the Child, Butterflies, Rädda Barnen, International Save the Children Alliance and the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Over the coming months we hope that the Arab Resource Collective in Cyprus, Concerned for Working Children in India and ANPPCAN in Kenya will also join us in providing access and adding information via Lotus Notes.

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# The Do's and Don'ts of CRIN MAIL

IN December 1996, CRIN launched its first electronic mailing list for our members. It is used to post news, announcements or pose questions to other members by just sending one email message to the mailing list address. Each message is automatically sent to everyone on the list.

## The Golden Rules

Some of our members are old hands at using electronic mailing lists but for many others this is a new tool. At the beginning we were beset with teething problems. The first golden rule of mailing lists is to remember that any message you send is automatically routed to every single member on the list. During the first few months, many of us forgot this golden rule and sent individual messages or replies to requests via the CRIN MAIL.

Messages which began Dear Becky..... not only reached the Coordinating Unit but organisations in Kenya, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Cyprus, the Lebanon, Russia, Belgium, Norway, Switzerland, the Philippines, Chile, Tanzania.... to name but a few.

The second rule of mailing lists is to subscribe with a correct and up-to-date email address. Over the weekend of May 24-25 we were beset with problems, as incorrect and out-of date addresses, sent our server into a continuous loop, spewing out error messages every 5 minutes to over 100 members. Techical problems, such as these are not uncommon, but cause frustration and annoyance.

## Children's Parliaments

The list is regularly used by the members to post news, announcements and pose questions. And it really works.....I asked the CRIN MAIL for experiences of establishing children's parliaments on behalf of the national coalition in Burkina Faso.... within two days responses arrived from Peru, Argentina, UK, Tanzania and the US. The real advantage of using the mailing list in this way is that you often receive information which is in people's heads or you are directed to projects which have not been documented.

## The Dos

1. Post and receive news about a children's rights conference, meeting, workshop etc.
2. Post and receive news about a new publication on children's rights issues.
3. Post and receive news about a new information resource on children's rights - a database, CD Rom, Web Site etc.
4. Post and receive news about research projects on children's rights issues.
5. Ask a question to the rest of the membership ".....does any one have a good contact in Slovenia?" or ".... I am collecting information on the age of criminal responsibility for children in Africa, Asia and Latin America.....can anyone help?"

## The Don'ts

1. Post and receive messages meant for individuals.
2. Post appeals for urgent actions which are the responsibility and remit of campaigning organisations.
3. Post requests for project funding - CRIN is not a funding organisation.
4. Post news and announcements about issues of no interest to the membership.

CRIN MAIL has been set up for members only, please contact the Coordinator for further information: crin@pro-net.co.uk

# Update:

## Task Force on National Coalitions

A REGIONAL workshop with all the National Coalitions in South Asia was held in Kathmandu 2-6 December 1996, to share experiences on monitoring and reporting of the Convention. Representatives from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan attended. A comprehensive and interesting report on the workshop is available. Please contact Rädda Barnen (see right).

The NGO Group on the CRC arranged a workshop 21-22 April on how to improve cooperation among international NGOs monitoring of the CRC. One of the main issues discussed was how to support the interaction between the monitoring work of the Committee and the NGO community at national level worldwide.

The Task Force on National Coalitions last meeting on 18 April discussed: How can the Task Force facilitate regional meetings and information sharing among National Coalitions? How can it support CRC training at national or regional level? How can the Task Force support the financing of National Coalition work and fund-raising capacity of local coalitions?

The Task Force has decided to revise the present "Guide for writing Alternative Reports" to include comments on the preparation of periodic reports. (The initial report submitted to the Committee on the Rights of the Child is due two years after the Convention enters into force and then every five years). To complement the guide an analysis of the guidelines for periodic reports with possible recommendations is also being
prepared together with a brief paper with comments on monitoring of the CRC by NGOs at national level.

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The Task Force on National Coalitions is part of the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

# The International Juvenile Justice Network

THE Rights of the Child represents a real challenge to the Juvenile justice system: a challenge to focus on the prevention of delinquency, to elaborate constructive and humane sanctions, to find measures dealing with children without resorting to the media is proposed with the support of UNICEF, the ILO, UNESCO and the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Examples such judicial proceedings, to find alternatives to the deprivation of liberty, to ensure the provision of legal assistance to juveniles.

There is a need for appropriate cooperation between organisations directly or indirectly involved in the field of juvenile justice. There is a need to prevent overlap between

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governmental and non-governmental bodies.

In January 1997, the International Juvenile Justice Network was formally launched in Dakar, Senegal, at the Seminar "Children in Conflict with the Law: Challenges from a Children's Rights Perspective", organised by Defence for Children International (DCI). NGOs such as Penal Reform International, International Prison Watch, International Association of Juvenile and Family Court Magistrates, Rädda Barnen, Childwatch International, ANPPCAN and others took part. Representatives from the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights attended and expressed their commitment to support the Network.

The Network aims to support any effort to develop and improve juvenile justice systems worldwide in accordance with international children's rights and juvenile justice standards. The Network facilitates the exchange of information, helps to coordinate the differnt initiatives related to juvenile justice and offeres services to help States parties to the Convention to meet international requirements, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

DCI International Secretariat is responsible for coordinating the activities of the Network. This includes offering a documentation centre with a special section on juvenile justice (which gathers documents, legislation and best practice experiences) a database on organisations active in this field and technical support to a partner NGO or any other organisation requesting direct assistance

The network is open to any organisation or resource person active in the field. It is important to note the network is not a new international structure or NGO.

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## Children and the Media

The Committee on the Rights of the Child organised a theme day on Children and the Media last October and invited experts and interested organisations to draft recommendations to improve the promotion, implementation and monitoring of Article 17 of the Convention that deals with the positive and negative effects of the media on children.

A working group met in March to map out how the 12 recommendations could be taken forward. A report of children's involvement "Children's Express" a news agency training children to be journalists and editors will be documented. The Committee is also keen to find out about children's experience of using the Internet, particularly initiatives such as

UNICEF's Voices of Youth, http://www.unicef.org/voy/. The International Federation of Journalists, with partners such as the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights and UNICEF, will probably play a lead role in the preparation of handbooks and manuals for journalists interviewing children and reporting on children's rights issues - including child abuse. The working group highlighted the need for national media watchdogs, national plans to encourage positive use of the media, media education for children and parents and funding for children's magazines, books, radio and television.

The 12 recommendations represent a challenge to the children's rights community and the media (the professionals and media companies). CRIN will be following the progress of the working group and activities of our members such as UNICEF, Childnet International and the NGO Group on the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We plan to keep you updated via our web site http://www.childhub.ch/webpub/crhome. Other members wishing to contribtue to any of the projects are welcome to do so.
For further information contact the coordinator of the working group or CRIN for a copy of the exisitng reports.

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## UNESCO's International Clearing House on Children and Violence on the Screen

THE impact of violence, particularly in visual media, and particularly among children and youth have been the subject of concern and debate for many years. In response to this concern, UNESCO and the Swedish Government have supported the opening of the International Clearing House on Children and Violence on the Screen based at Nordicom (The Nordic Information Centre for Media and Communication Research, Göteborg University.)

The clearing house informs researchers, policy-makers, media professionals, teachers, voluntary organisations and individuals about:-

- research findings concerning children, young people and media violence;
- ongoing research on children and media violence;
- children's access to mass media and their media use;
- training and courses of study on children and the media;
- positive alternatives to media violence;
- measures and activities which aim to limit gratuitous violence on television, in films, and in interactive media.

The clearing house will publish a yearbook and a newsletter three times a year . It also plans to establish a number of hubs in Europe, North America, Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Arab World and Australia. (See next page for contact details)

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## Bookmarks for Web Sites

(Below is a list of the web sites recommended by CRIN)

**Children's House**
http://childhouse.uio.no

**CRIN**
http://www.childhub.ch/webpub/crhome

**International Save the Children Alliance**
http://www.savechildren.or.jp/alliance

**UNICEF International Child Development Centre**
http://www.childhub.ch/webpub/crhome

**High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights**
http://www.unhchr.ch

**University of Minnesota Human Rights Library**
http://www.umn.edu/humanarts

### New Web Sites

**World Bank and Early Childhood Development**
In April 1997, the World Bank launched two sites on Early Childhood Development, focusing on World Bank activities and providing a knowledge base for practitioners, policy and decision-makers.
http://www.worldbank.org/children and
http://www.worldbank.org/children/ecd

**HURIDOCS**
Human Rights Information and Documentation System, International has launched its own home page which include general information about HURIDOCS, its project on documenting cases of human rights violations, its training and programme activities for 1997.
http://homepage.iprolink.ch/~huridocs

## New publications On Children's Rights

**An Introduction to the Convention on the Rights of the Child**
Christine Lundy
Full Circle Press, c/o Gothic Design, RR #4, St Thomas, Ontario, Canada N5P 3S8
Fax +1 519 775 0099
US $7.50 plus 15% postage and packing

**Better Schools: Less child work. Child work and education in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Peru**
María Cristina Salazar and Walter Alarcón Glasinovich
Innocenti Essays, No 7, 1996 UNICEF International Child Development Centre, Piazza SS Annunziata 12, 50122 Florence, Italy, Tel +39 55 234 5258 Fax +39 55 244 817

**School related economic incentives in Latin America: reducing Drop-out and repetition and combatting child labour**
Ernesto Schiefelbein,
Innocenti Occasional Papers, CRS 12, January 1997, **Ordering as above**

**Ombudswork for Children** Innocenti Digest No1, Key informtion on a critical children's rights concern, **Ordering as above**

**Do it Right! Who is doing what on children and youth rights in Canada**
Canadian Information Network on Child and Youth Rights with Human Rights Internet
Subscriptions Department,
HRI, 8 York Street, Suite #302, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5S6, Canada.
Fax +1 613 789 1414, US $12

**Have we asked the children?**
International Working Group on Child Labour, 1997
Huddestraat 3, 1018 HB Amsterdam, the Netherlands,
Fax+ 21 20 422 0443
Tel +31 20 422 0444,

**Monitoring and measuring the state of children - Beyond survival**
Helmut Wintersberger and Asher Ben Arieh, 1997, Eurosocial Report 62, Vienna: European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Centre for Research and Public Education, National Council for the Child, 20 Metudela St, Jerusalem 92306, Israel, Tel+972 2 563 9191
Fax +972 2 563 6869, Email Benarieh@shum.cc.huji.ac.il

**UN Convention on the rights of the child training kit**
International Save the Children Alliance
Save the Children, 17 Grove Lane, London, SE5 8RD, UK
Tel +44 171 703 5400,
Fax +44 171 708 2508, £28.00 plus postage and packing £5.00 (UK), £10 rest of the World

**Children's Participation Pack: a practical guide for playworkers**
the children's participation project, Kirklees Metropolitan Council, Save the Children
**Ordering as above**

**Never too young: How young children can take responsibility and make decisions. A handbook for early years workers**
Judy Miller, the National Early Years Network, **Ordering as above**

**Empowering children and young people: Training manual**
Children's Rights Office and Save the Children, UK, **Ordering as above**

**World's Web: the global education pack for work with young people**
Save the Children (UK), **Ordering as above**

**Position on child work: International Save the Children Alliance**
59 chemin Moise Duboule, CH 1909 Geneva, Switzerland,
Tel +41 22 788 8180,
Fax +41 22 788 8154,
Email alliance@iprolink.ch,
http://www.savechildren.or.jp/alliance

**Renewing home country links: an account of the journey of five young unaccompanied refugees back to the horn of Africa**
Annacarin Leufstedt, 1997
Radda Barnen, 107 88 Stockholm, Sweden
Fax+ 46 8 689 9013
Tel+ 46 8 689 9000
Email info@rb.
se http://www.rb.se

**Interviews with young unaccompanied African Refugees**
Paivi Sharifan Holma, 1997
**Ordering as above**

**Children: the invisible soldiers**
Rachel Brett and Margaret McCallin, 1996
**Ordering as above**

**Early child development: Investing in our children's future**
Mary Eming Young, The World Bank, ISBN 0-444-82605
Fax +1 202 522 3234
Email myoung3@worldbank.org

**Responding to child abuse: Procedures and practice for child protection in Hong Kong**
Charles O'Brian, Cheng Chung Yau Ling and Nancy Rhind
Hong Kong University Press, University of Hong



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**Slipping through the cracks: Unaccompanied children detained by the United States Immigration and Naturalisation Service**
Human Rights Watch, Children's Rights Project
Children of Guatemala: Police Violence and Abuses in Detention
Human Rights Watch, Children's Rights Project
Publications Department, 485 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10017, USA
US $15 including postage and packing

**"A sporting chance: Tackling child labour in Inida's sports goods industry"** Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT , United Kingdom,
Fax +44 171 620 0719

**Papers of the Stockholm Congress: Law reform and enforcement; Prevention and psycho-social rehabilitatiion; Tourism and children in prostitution.The sex exploiter; Health and psycho-social dimension; Media; Child pornography; Education; Social values**
Copies from the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child
c/o DCI, PO Box 88, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland,
Tel +41 22 734 0558,
Fax +41 22 740 1145
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## Booklets on Children's Rights

(for children and young people)

**I am a child, I have rights**
Save the Children, UNICEF and Ministry of Education, Liberia
Copies from Save the Children UK, at address above.

**My rights, Part 1 (5-8 years), Part 2 (9-12 years) Part 3 (13-18)**
The Swedish NGO Child Convention Group
Rädda Barnen, 107 88 Stockholm, Sweden,
Tel +46 8 698 9000,
Fax +46 8 698 9013

**My rights in our world**
Children's Rights Office, £1.50
235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EL, UK,
Tel +44 171 240 4449,
Fax +44 171 240 4514,
Email crights@ftech.co.uk

**Our book....of child rights**
Kathy Keirle Ali and Zulfiquar Ali (English and Arabic)
Human Rights Education Programme, 11-B Main Korangi Road, Phase 1, DHA Karachi,
Tel +92 21 588 6273,
Email zufli@hrep.khi.sdnpk.undp.org

**Say it right: The unconventional Canadian youth edition of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**
Youth Participation committee, Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children
#339-180 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa ON, K2P 1B7, Canada
Tel + 1 613 788 5085

**We want our right to education, Children's Rights and Responsibilities, Women and girls have rights too**
Three booklets from Kuleana Centre for Children's Rights, in English and Kiswahili
**Children's rights memory game**
Kuleana Centre for Children's Rights, PO Box 27, Mwanza, Tanzania
Tel +255 68 500 911,
Fax +255 68 42402,
Email kuleana@tan2.healthnet.org

**Questions Parents Ask, Voices of Youth brochure** (also available on the internet http://www.unicef.org/voy), **Its only right: A practical guide to learning about the Convention on the Rights of the Child**
UNICEF New York, 3 UN Plaza, New York 10017,
Fax +1 212 755 1449

## Forthcoming Meetings on Children's Rights

3-7 June 1997

AFCC Second World Congress, 329 W Wilson Street, Madison WI 53703, USA
Tel+1 608 251 4001,
Fax +1 608 251 2231

9-12 June 1997
**Conference on Urban Childhood**
Trondhiem, Norway
Norwegian Centre for Child Research, Conference Secretariat, N 7055, Dragvoll, Norway,
Tel+47 7359 6240,
Fax +47 7359 6239,
Email Noseb@avh.unit.no

14-19 June 1997
**Monitoring the Well-being of Children**
Campobasso, Italy
Centre for Research and Public Education ,National Council for the Child, 20 Metudela St, Jerusalem 92306, Israel,
Tel+972 2 563 9191
Fax +972 2 563 6869,
Email Benarieh@shum.cc.huji.ac.il

29 June - 2 July 1997
**The 5th International Family Violence Research Conference**
New England Centre, Durham New Hampshire, USA
Family Research Laboratory, 126 Horton Social Science Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824 3586, USA,
Tel +1 603 862 2525,
Fax +1 603 862 1122
Email FRL97.conference@unh.edu

28-5 July 1997
**International Interdisciplinary Course on Children's Rights**
Children's Rights Centre, University of Ghent, H Dunantlaan 2, B-9000 Ghent, Belgium
Tel +32 9 264 6281,
Fax +32 9 264 6493

22 September - 10 October 1997
**Committee on the Rights of the Child, 16th Session,**
Full sessional meeting: Australia, Laos, Uganda, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Trinidad and Tobago, Togo
13-17 October 1997
Pre-sessional meeting: Maldives, Republic of Ireland, Sierra Leone, Micronesia, Japan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

6 October 1997
Day of General Discussion: Disability
**Committee on the Rights of the Child**
UN High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights, Palais de Nations, 1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland,
Tel +41 22 917 3937,
Fax +41 22 917 0099,
Email pdavid.hchr@unog.ch

27-30 October 1997
**International Conference on Child Labour**
Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Multilateral department, UN Division.
Tel +47 22 24 36 00,
Fax +47 22 24 95 80 or contact your nearest Norwegian Embassy or Consulate.
For information about NGO participation and contributions, please contact
Redd Barna,
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Tel +47 22 08 1600,
Fax +47 22 08 1740
or
Anti Slavery International,
The Stableyard, Broomsgrove Road, London SW9 9LT, UK
+44 171 924 9555,
+44 171 738 4110,
Email antislavery@gn.apc.org
Regional meetings will also be held in August and September, please contact above for more details.

## Membership Form

**(Please write or type in black as clearly as possible)**

Name of organisation or individual: .....

Type of organisation .....
(NGO, UN agency, Educational or Academic Institute, Individual)

Name of CRIN contact: .....

Address: .....
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Tel: ..... Fax: .....

Email: ..... Languages .....

Information needs of your organisation: .....
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Possible contributions which your organisation could make to the network eg access to databases, expertise advice, funding: .....
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**Statement of commitment**
As a member of the network we/I am committed to share information with other network members in accordance our/my own policies and guidelines.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Please return to:
Coordinator of the Child Rights Information Network, C/O Save the Children (UK), 17 Grove Lane, London, UK, SE5 8RD. Tel +44-171-703-5400, Fax +44-171-793-7630,
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## Editorial..... 400+ members in 100+ countries

CRIN's membership now exceeds 400 diverse organisations and individuals working in 101 countries. It is exciting to see the potential for information exchange within the network, not least because over 60 per cent of our members are now using email and our web site has created an opportunity for members to contribute and share their own information.

For us at the Coordinating Unit there have been some significant developments. The introduction of the thematic desks has given real substance to our links with members, we have seen the CRIN MAIL grow and become more useful, we have produced the first web site directory on children's rights information and progress has been made in the production of CRIN's organisations database.

CRIN's small management team met for the second time in September and we discussed the future of CRIN, the necessity for a long-term strategy and more concrete ways of involving members in decision-making. These discussions should benefit from an evaluation and strategic review being undertaken by Sharon Rusu of the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs. We will let you know the outcome in the next issue.

To prepare for the evaluation, we asked for feedback from some of our members. It was great to receive your comments and ideas. It seems that CRIN is developing into a useful resource, according to one member:

*"I am a relatively new user, however I do find CRIN a particularly useful, cheap and time efficient way of keeping up to speed with what is happening. I think it has potential to be developed as an information source for decision-makers who are interested in children's rights"*

Despite the positive feedback we will not become complacent! There is still much to be done and lots of potential which we haven't begun to tap into. So keep sending in your ideas and comments.

If you are a new to CRIN and want to join, our membership form can be found on the back page.

Becky Purbrick, CRIN Coordinator

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## What is CRIN?

CRIN is a global network of children's rights organisations supporting the effective exchange of information about children and their rights. It is backed by a Facilitating Group of 15 organisations with a Coordinator based at Save the Children (UK).

CRIN is open to individuals, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), UN agencies and educational institutions involved in children's rights, committed to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (the Convention or CRC) and to sharing information. The network has three main aims which it seeks to meet through specific project activities and an information service based at the Coordinating Unit.

The network exists to:-

- Support and promote the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- Help to meet the information needs of organisations and individuals working with and for children's rights;
- Support organisations to gather, handle, produce and disseminate child rights information through training, capacity building and the development of electronic and non-electronic networking tools.

If you want to join the network, find out more about CRIN or request information on children's rights issues, please contact the Coordinator, Becky Purbrick, c/o Save the Children, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD, UK.
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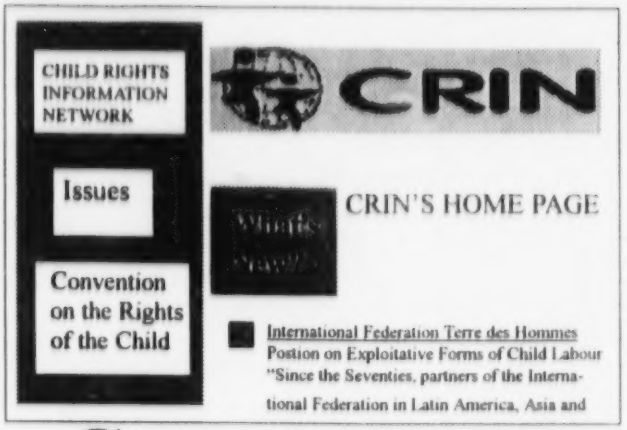
Web site http://www.childhub.ch/webpub/crhome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"Since the Seventies, partners of the International Federation in Latin America, Asia and

## CRIN's Virtual Desks: Child Labour Update

In the last issue we introduced CRIN's thematic virtual desks. We have been concentrating on the child labour section of our web site since July in the run up to the International Conference in Oslo on Child Labour.

Our first task was to develop a structure for holding information which we plan to use for all our themes. This is what we have come up with:

**ISSUES: full text of policy papers of members, bibliographies and links to other sites**
**WHAT'S HAPPENING: conference information and key events**
**WHO IS DOING WHAT: activities and research of members**
**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS: background to relevant international treaties**

We contacted all our members active in child labour and asked them to contribute their papers on child labour, information about their research, reports from conferences and so on, to publish on our web site. The response has been good, although we are still waiting for more contributions.

We have also been gathering information about the relevant Conventions on child labour - particularly the new ILO Convention on the most hazardous forms of child labour, the rationale behind the convention, the surveys sent to all state governments and NGOs involved in child labour

Our next challenge was to provide information about the Oslo Conference and the regional consultations in Latin America, Asia and Africa. We have had the go-ahead from UNICEF and ILO to publish the background papers for the Oslo Conference on our web site and the Norwegian embassies in Brazil, Pakistan and South Africa are supplying consultation documents. We are also receiving information from the regional consultations. Plans for the future include: providing information on the Global March Against Child Labour, publication of the Oslo reports and recommendations, and further information about the new ILO Convention which will be finalised next year and adopted in 1999.

**What's on there now:**

**Full Text of Policy Papers from**: Antislavery International, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, Bonded Liberation Front, Concerned for Children and Environment, Nepal, Concerned for Working Children, kuleana, Save the Children UK, Save the Children Alliance, World Vision, ILO, International Terre Des Hommes

**Links to:** UNICEF, Rädda Barnen, Rugmarks and more

**Publications lists** from UNICEF and Antislavery International

**Past and future conferences:** Amsterdam Child Labour Conference, February 1997, Urban Childhood Conference, Trondheim, June 1997 (links only), Oslo Conference on Child Labour, October 1997, plus information about the Global March and the first International Meeting of Child Workers in India, 1996

**Organisations involved in child labour:** Contact details, activities and research

**International Treaties:** Full text of ILO Convention 138, background to new ILO Convention on the most hazardous forms of child labour and a list of all other relevant conventions

**National legislation:** Link to ILO database of National Legislation, Natlex

**Codes of practice:** Model codes of practice for employers and booklet by the subgroup on Child Labour for the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**For copies of any documents, contact the Coordinator of CRIN**

## CRIN's Virtual Desks: Sexual Exploitation Update

Our next theme is the sexual exploitation of children and follow-up to the World Congress held in Stockholm last year. Using the same structure as the Child Labour section, we are collecting and organising information according to Issues - What's Happening, Who is Doing What and International Mechanisms.

We have contacted interested members for their contributions. So far, our web site provides access to all Stockholm documents; ECPAT's global updates on national activities to address sexual exploitation; a booklet for use by national NGOs on UN mechanisms to combat sexual exploitation and a bibliography, both compiled by the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In early September, CRIN's coordinator attended a meeting of the initial partners of the Stockholm Congress - the Government of Sweden, UNICEF, ECPAT and the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The meeting aimed to establish a wider Support Group to facilitate and coordinate global action to combat the sexual exploitation of children. The subgroup on sexual exploitation for the NGO Group on the Convention on the Rights of the Child was appointed the Support Group's Focal Point.

CRIN hopes to work closely with the Focal Point and the wider Support Group to ensure that relevant information is provided and published on CRIN's web site.

For more information on the work of the Focal Point, contact:-*Hélène Sackstein, Coordinator*
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**If you would like to contribute to CRIN's thematic desk on sexual exploitation contact CRIN's Coordinator.**

## Theme Day on Disability

The Committee on the Rights of the Child's annual theme day on 6 October was devoted to disability. As we went to press, it planned to focus on the right to life, survival and development of children with disabilities; self-representation and participation of children with disabilities; and entitlement to inclusive education.

The theme day gives the Committee on the Rights of the Child an opportunity to examine one aspect of the Convention using the experience and expertise of NGOs, UN agencies and academics. Written statements are prepared and oral presentations given on the day. We hope to publish the written statements and the Committee's report on CRIN's web site. The provisional list of documentation included:

Discussion outline prepared by the Committee on the Rights of the Child
Informal background note by the Secretariat of the Committee on the Right of the Child
Statement by Mr. Bengt Lindqvist, UN Special Rapporteur on Disability
Submissions by DPI (Disabled People's International)
Position paper submitted by Bizchut, the Israeli Human Rights Centre for People with Disabilities
Submission by International Save the Children Alliance
Documents and reports on the International Catholic Child Bureau's programme on disabled children
Paper submitted by the Christian Children's Fund
Contribution by Inclusion International: "As if Children Matter: Perspectives on children, rights and disabilities".
"Addressing the Needs of Children with Learning Disabilities", Statement by the International School Psychology Association
Remarks from the International Federation of Social Workers
Statement by Kesher (Information, counselling and support centre in Israel for parents of children with special needs)
"Commitments to girls with disabilities": Extract from the Platform of Action from the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995
Document prepared by the Women's Committees of Disabled Peoples' International
Article by David Lepofsky: "Equality Rights of Persons with Disabilities-Canadian and International Perspectives", in Human Rights in the Twenty-first Century, A Global Challenge, K.E. Mahoney and Paul Mahoney(eds), Martinus Nijhoff,1993

## Profiles of CRIN Members

### Bangladesh Development Partnership Centre (BDPC)

BDPC is a non-government and non-profit development support organisation set up in 1991 by a group of development professionals, researchers, social workers, academics and business executives.

BDPC was established to improve research, training and networking capacities of the third sector in Bangladesh to bring about positive change, particularly for women and children in Bangladeshi society. BDPC's specific mission is to strengthen human rights. At the same time it is committed to socio-economic development, ethnic harmony, environmental promotion and disaster reduction.

BDPC provides legal counselling and support. Its activities are complimented by:-

- income generation and self-employment programmes within the rural communities of Bangladesh;
- literacy and skills training through formal and non-formal education;
- human resource development.

The organisation is keen to improve health-care practices and health education in communities and families. BDPC is also involved in preparing and responding to disasters. Its future plans include skill training for disabled people, particularly women and children; rehabilitation retraining for people

effected by river erosion; adolescent health care; and alleviating poverty in urban slums.

BDPC implements and promotes its activities through four networks in Bangladesh: the Solidarity for Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children (SEVAUC), the Coordinating Council for Women's Rights (CCWR), Nadi Shikasti Gono Adhikar Forum (NASHGAF for the rights of people effected by river erosion; and the Citizen's Disaster Resource group (CDRG).

It has published research on the rights of Bangladeshi working children, as well as research into divorce, suicide, drought, river erosion preparedness and community perceptions of social disaster.

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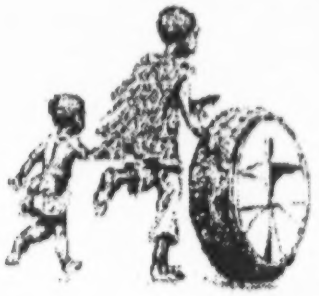
## Profile

**ENDA Third World "Youth in Action" Team (ENDA)**

ENDA Third World is an international NGO with its headquarters in Dakar, Senegal.

ENDA's Youth Action Team has been supporting EJQs (*Enfants et Jeunes de Quartiers* - Neighbourhood Children and Young People) and EJTs or WCY (*Enfants et Jeunes Travailleurs* - Working Children and Young People) since 1985. Support is provided by 10 partner teams within the programme "*Enfants et jeunes dans les villes, à la conquête de leurs droits*" (Children and young people in cities - setting out to conquer their rights) in six African countries.

On 1 May 1994, the WCY from Dakar, Ziguinchor,



Cotonou and Bamako celebrated International Labour Day for the first time. A few months later, delegates met in Bouaké (Cote d'Ivoire) and identified 12 specific rights which they proposed to defend and realise, through a joint action programme. These 12 rights are:-

- the right to training to learn a trade
- the right to stay in the village (not to migrate)
- the right to carry out our activities in all safety
- the right to appeal and equitable justice in case of problems
- the right to sick leave
- the right to be respected
- the right to be listened to
- the right to light and limited work (adapted to our ages and capacities)
- the right to health care
- the right to learn how to read and write
- the right to play and have fun
- the right to express and organise ourselves.

By mid-1995, over 130 delegates from EJT groups in 21 West African countries met to review and adopt these rights and develop a plan of action.

**Children as actors of their own development:** Actions are carried out by children/young people from their own point of view and according to their own analysis of their priority problems and the opportunities they can offer other young people.

**Other Programmes:**
**An exchange and training programme**: An African Training Programme (PAF - *Programme Africain de Formation*) intended for urban facilitators working for governmental and non-governmental institutions and grassroots associations - started in 1991 - has reached thousands of facilitators in over 30 African countries.

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**International network of working children and young people** : ENDA Youth in Action works in partnership with organisations supporting working children and youth movements, notably Manthoc (Peru), the Movimento Meninos e Meninas da Rua (Brazil), Butterflies, Concerned for Working Children, Bhima Sangha (India) and NATRAS (Nicaragua). The first international meeting of working children and young people was held in December 1996, in Kundapur (India).

The EJQs from six West African countries have established "Associations de Développement des Quartiers" (ADQ - Neighbourhood Development Associations) to carry out social, cultural, sporting, health-related, educational, economic and environmental actions in their neighbourhoods. They seek to:-

- promote self-financing rather than external help
- secure the relief of taxes that reduce their possibilities to self-finance their activities
- develop activities destined for the "small ones"
- promote communication to share experiences
- develop active solidarity with the EJTs

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## Profile

**Fundación PANIAMOR**

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Fundación PANIAMOR was established in September 1987 as a national non-governmental organisation working in Costa Rica but with a focus on Central America. Fundación PANIAMOR seeks to eliminate the violation of the rights of the child under the age of 18. It is active in preventing child abuse, education rights, juvenile justice, self-esteem and communication skills and providing information services.

PANIAMOR's programme includes diverse training workshops developed for different sectors of society, particularly children and adolescents. These workshops focus on the factors behind violence against children and the fostering of positive relations within families. The advocacy programme has concentrated on the development of a legal code for minors in Costa Rica, pressurising for legal reforms to improve the administration of juvenile justice and lobbying for participation of adolescents in national policies.

In July 1997, PANIAMOR began an Alternative Centre for Teenagers where they can receive attention, guidance and information on recreation for personal development; health orientation; educative supervision; investigation and crisis intervention.

PANIAMOR has created an information service about children, adolescents and families in Costa Rica and Central America. The collection consists of over 1,000 books, documents, periodicals and daily newspapers. There is also a specialised collection on domestic violence. PANIAMOR produces a newsletter Pro Niño Magazine, three times a year, and publishes a wide range of educational books on:

- abuse prevention against people under 18
- rights and responsibilities of children and teenagers
- communication with children and teenage victims of sexual abuse
- something that every parent should know (about sexual abuse)
- something that every kid should know (about sexual abuse)
- violence and abuse against children and teenagers
- self-esteem and communication between generations

PANIAMOR has received several awards for its

preventive campaigns in the mass media such as the Prize for Excellence in Media on Behalf of Chidren given by the International Forum for Child Welfare.

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## Profile

**International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)**

ISPCAN, founded in 1977, is the only international organisation of multi-disciplinary professionals that brings together a cross-section of people committed to the prevention of child abuse, neglect and exploitation.

ISPCAN membership ranges from 1,900 to 2,500, from over 90 countries. ISPCAN aims to prevent cruelty in the form of: physical abuse, child labour, street children, neglect, sexual abuse, or prostitution, to children of every nation.

ISPCAN is committed to increasing professional and public awareness of all forms of violence against children by supporting education, training, research and information exchange on preventative interventions and the promotion of the needs and rights of the child.

ISPCAN fosters an exchange of knowledge among professionals working in the health, legal and welfare services, in educational and therapeutic organisations, in voluntary agencies and among individuals. Each year 50 complimentary memberships are awarded to first-time members from developing countries. Biennial international congresses are held to build communication within the network and to exchange research and experiences through presentations, seminars and training. The 12th international congress will be held in September 1998 in Auckland, New Zealand.

ISPCAN publishes a monthly journal *"Child Abuse and Neglect"* and a newsletter for members, *"Link"* providing news about child abuse and neglect prevention, issues and problems worldwide, and news from the membership. ISPCAN also publishes the "World Perspectives on Child Abuse" an international databook, "Congress Books of Abstracts" and special reports. The first official ISPCAN membership directory will be published in 1997.

ISPCAN also sponsors regional conferences, national meetings and training seminars as well as providing related scholarships to select CAN professionals working in developing countries. Activities this year include outreach and support to members in East and Central Europe; support of and international participation in the San Diego Conference on Responding to Child Maltreatment; participation in the Israel National Conference; involvement in the Second World Congress on Family Law's Child VIP physical trauma protocol. ISPCAN works in cooperation with UNICEF, the World Health Organisation, CRIN, Defence for Children International, the Child VIP project, national governments and many other children's rights organisations.

For information concerning ISPCAN membership, conferences, and other projects, please contact:-

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*Web Site http://child.cornell.edu/ispcan/ispcan.htm*

## Articles

### Update from the Taskforce on National Coalitions

The NGO Group on the Convention on the Rights of the Child held three small workshops in April on how to improve co-operation among international NGOs (INGOs) for the promotion of monitoring the CRC.

One of the main issues was how to support the monitoring work of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the interaction between the NGO community at national level. Eylah Kadjar-Hamouda, Chairperson of the NGO Group, summarised three recommendations:

1. Strengthening of existing activities and better collaboration between different bodies of the NGO Group
2. Broadening the agenda by taking up new subjects
3. Reinforcing the collaboration and pro-activity between local, national and international levels.

The Task Force on National Coalitions held its last meeting on 7 October, when the following publications featured on the agenda: An update of the current "Guide for writing Alternative Reports" to include guidelines for periodic reports, comments on the guidelines for periodic reports with recommendations to NGOs and a paper on monitoring the CRC at national level.

The Task Force planned to discuss the meeting of European Coalitions to be hosted by the German National Coalition, in Germany next March. The meeting is expected to focus on useful experiences in Europe, exchange between the coalitions, and a common thinking around a European agenda on promoting the CRC.

A report from West Africa on experiences of National Coalitions in the region, "Fighting for the Rights of the Child in West Africa, the experiences of national coalitions of non-governmental child rights organisations", is now available.

A main problem for the nine coalitions is lack of resources and inexperience of networks. Despite this they have a large number of activities, for example training and writing alternative reports. For more information, contact:-

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## Articles

### News from the European Region

Children's organisations in the European region have worked successfully together in "Euronet - the European Children's Network" to ensure that children are mentioned in the new Treaty on the European Union (EU), and that the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child are incorporated. (The European Union cannot legally ratify the UN Convention).

Until now, children have been invisible citizens with no legal status, but Euronet has successfully secured three new references:-

- 'offences against children', a new Article which would enable Intergovernmental co-operation to combat crimes which cross European borders;
- a new reference which enables the EU to take action to combat 'discrimination on grounds of age', legal advice indicates that this would include children;
- a reference to European-wide activity to combat social exclusion.

Euronet has produced a briefing analysing the consequences of the new EU Treaty for children, available on request (see address).

Euronet was set up originally to campaign for the inclusion of children's rights in the EU Treaty and includes European networks and national organisations.

Euronet plans to continue as a coalition of NGOs in Europe and is consulting members on its work programme. It is anticipated that it will focus on

children's citizenship and participation at EU level and children's legal rights, children in the EU budget, socially excluded children and sexual exploitation.

Following the Stockholm Congress on sexual exploitation last year, the European Parliament created a new budgetline to enable NGOs to work on the issue of sexual abuse and violence against women, children and adolescents at European level. The resources are very limited (3 MECU) but do represent the European Union's first-time action on this important issue. The 'Daphne programme', is limited to three years but the Commission plans to issue a consultation document soon with a view to a longer term European programme on the sexual abuse and children.

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## Project Update

### The CRIN MAIL: Your views

Networking is all about communication and participation. During CRIN's first year communication was mostly vertical - from the Coordinating Unit to individual members and visa versa. CRIN's electronic mailing list CRIN MAIL, has fundamentally changed communication within the network. (The CRIN MAIL operates in the same way as other electronic mailing lists. Each member simply sends one message to the list and it is automatically distributed to everyone on the list.)

In the beginning we experienced some problems with messages sent to the list which were meant for individuals, to the annoyance of others. Now things have settled down. The CRIN MAIL is very active with up to 10 messages per week.

In August, we asked members to tell us what they really thought of the CRIN MAIL. Responses were encouraging, sometimes ecstatic, sometimes with positive criticisms. Here are a few your thoughts:

*"NTFC is constantly receiving mail from CRIN members, they provide us with very interesting information about the activities of other organisations working in the field of child welfare all over the world. CRIN MAIL gave us the opportunity of contacting, opening communication channels, and exchanging information with these organisations"*
Hayat Malhas Yaghi, National Taskforce for Children, Jordan

*"I love the CRIN MAIL. It filled an important need. I have used it for requests, with very good results. I also share information with my colleagues here at the Bank, when I see something I know is of their interest"*
Anne Kielland, World Bank

*"Joining the CRIN MAIL has been very useful for us. It provides access to many information and networking opportunities. We have been able to find new friends/organisations of similar interest"*
Sharif Kafi, Bangladesh Development Partnership Centre

*"The CRIN mailing list seems to be increasing daily in useful postings. The membership has obviously increased and become more used to the Internet so there are less irrelevant and personal posts. Notifications of new publications, forthcoming conferences and general child rights news are most useful"*
Deborah Whithear, Australian Institute of Family Studies

*"It has become one of my most prominent resource for new information on children's rights"*
Frans Spiesschaert, Children's Rights Centre, University of Gent, Belgium

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However, there is still much to improve. For many of our members there is the language barrier, ENDA from Senegal suggests that we send shorter messages and if possible in two languages. PIDEE from Chile, echoes this problem and suggests a regional network for Latin America. In a similar vein, a number of members proposed theme-based or regional lists, especially for those who do not work internationally. All these suggestions will be carefully considered and will feed into both the development of CRIN MAIL and the network.

## Project Update

### CRIN's Web Site Directory

CRIN has published the first edition of CRIN's Website Directory on "Children and Children's Rights Information". The directory includes descriptions of all the web sites of network members from Amnesty International to World Vision. It includes sites of other institutions holding information about children and their rights from Global Childnet to the World Bank Group on Early Childhood Development. The directory is published as a loose-leaf document so that we can send members regular updates and additions, forthcoming in 1998.

If you are a CRIN member and have not yet received your copy of the directory, contact the Coordinating Unit.

## Bookmarks for Web Sites

(Below is a list of web sites recommended by CRIN)

**Children's House**
http://childhouse.uio.no

**CRIN**
http://www.childhub.ch/webpub/crhome

**International Save the Children Alliance**
http://www.savechildren.or.jp/alliance

**High Commissioner for Human Rights**
http://www.unhchr.ch

**HURIDOCS**
http://homepage.iprolink.ch/~huridocs

**UNICEF**
http://www.unicef.org

**University of Minnesota Human Rights Library**
http://www.umn.edu/humanarts
**World Bank and Early Childhood Development**
http://www.worldbank.org/children
http://www.worldbank.org/children/ecd

**Review of web sites**
**ERIC - Clearing House on Elementary and Early Childhood Education**
http://ericps.crc.uiuc.edu/ericeece.html

ERIC is a USA-based information system designed to provide access to literature on education. The site includes bibliographic abstract databases, discussion groups, full text documents and links to related sites. The best way of searching for documentation is to use the search wizard. Search terms on children range from child abuse...child health...child labour...children's literature...children's rights ... to children's television.

**Media Literacy Online Project**
http://interact.uoregon.edu/MediaLit/HomePage

The Media Literacy Online Project is an ongoing research activity of the Centre for Advanced Technology in Education at the University of Oregon. This web site has documentation and links to children, and youth and media information. Resources include - children and media violence, literature, radio, television, web sites and interactive media.

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## New Publications on Children's Rights

**Canada and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Developing a monitoring framework**
Canadian Coalition for the Rights of the Child
180 Argyle Ave, Suite 339, Ottawa, Ontario K2P1B7, Canada
Tel +1 613 788 5085, Fax +1 613 788 5106
Email ccrc@web.net
5 $ Cdn, available in English and French

**Child Labour: The Legal Aspects,** 1997
Anees Jillani, US $15 Airmail charges US $20
**Child Labour in Islamabad,** 1997
Sarah Javed & Zarina Jillani, US $ 2 Airmail US $ 3
Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child
PO Box 301, Islamabad, Pakistan
Tel +92 51 279 255, Fax +92 51 279 256
Email sparc@associates sdnpk undp org

**Child Rights Guide to the 1996 Mines Protocol**
UNICEF
3 UN Plaza, New York 10017, United States of America
Fax +1 212 326 7037
OR
Information Department, UNICEF UK Committee
55 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2 3NB
Tel +44 171 405 5592, Fax +44 171 405 2332
http://www.unicef.org/landmine/landmine.pdf

**Children and Families: Creating Stability in an Unstable World**
ISCPAN/UNICEF Joint Educational Video
ISPCAN Secretariat
Tel +1 312 644 6610, Fax +1 312 321 6869
Email: kim_svevo@sba.com

**Children and Families of Ethnic Minorities, Immigrants and Indigenous Peoples,**
August 1997
Maggie Black, Seventh Innocenti Global Seminar, Summary Report
UNICEF International Child Development Centre
**Children and Violence,** September 1997
Compiled by Peter Newel, Innocenti Digest 2

**Starting from Zero: The Promotion and Protection of Children's Rights in Post-Genocide Rwanda, July 1994 - December 1996**
October 1997
Distribution Unit
UNICEF Intenational Child Development Centre
Piazza SS Annunziata 12, 50122 Florence
Italy
Tel +39 55 234 5258, Fax +39 55 244 817

**Children in Focus - a Manual for Participatory Research**
Jo Boyden & Judith Ennew
Rädda Barnen
10788 Stockholm, Sweden
Tel + 46 8 698 92 36, Fax + 46 8 698 90 14

**World Organisation Against Torture: country reports on the situtation of children with regard to torture and other grave violations of the rights of the child: Nepal, Senegal, Ex-Yugoslavia and Guatemala.**
**Case Studies of Violations of the Rights of the Child 1995-1996**
World Organisation Against Torture
PO Box 119, CH 1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland
Tel +41 22 733 3140, Fax +41 22 733 1051
Email omct@iprolink.ch
Web site http://www.omct.org/

**Children's Rights/Human Rights: A Resource Book for Early Childhood and Primary Teachers,** 1997
School of Early Childhood, Faculty of Education, Queensland University of Technology
Locked Bag 2, Red Hill, Queensland 4059
Australia
Tel +61 7 3864 3567, Fax +61 7 3864 3989
Email b.piscitelli@qut.edu.au

**Children's Rights in Primary Schools,** 1997
The Special Youth Care Committee Bruges
Mr John Decoene
Zandstraat 255 Bus 1, B-8200 Bruges
Belgium
Free plus p & p

**Citizen Child: Australian Law and Children's Rights,** 1996
Kathleen Funder, ed. 288 pages, ISBN 0 642 244529, $19.95 plus p&p

**Emotional Abuse: the Hidden Form of Maltreatment,** 1997
Adam Tomison and Joe Tucci. Issues paper no. 8 Spring 1997
Australian Institute of Family Studies for the National Child Protection Clearing House, Free (also available from the web site, address below)
Australian Institute of Family Studies
300 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria 300 Australia
Tel +61 3 9214 7888, Fax +61 3 9214 7839
http://www.aifs.org.au/external/nch/pubs.html

**The Children's War: Towards Peace in Sierra Leone,** 1997
Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children
122 East 42nd Street, New York NY 10168-1289, United States of America
Tel +1 212 551 3111, Fax +1 212 551 3180
Email wcrwc@intrescom.org

**Gender, Sexuality and Attitudes Related to AIDS among Low Income Youth and Street Youth in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,** 1997
Childhope International
333 East 38th Street 6th Floor , New York NY 10016, United States of America
Tel +1 212 983 1442, Fax +1 908 747 4237
Email childhope@igc.apc.org
US$5.00

**Having a voice: an exploration of children's rights and advocacy,** 1997
Jane Dalrymple and Jan Hough
Venture Press
16 Kent Street, Birmingham B5 6RD, UK
Tel +44 121 622 3911, Fax +44 121 622 4860
£10.50 plus 90p p&p

**International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Membership Directory**
ISPCAN for membership information
Tel +1 312 644 6610 ,Fax +1 312 321 6869
Email kim_svevo@sba.com
Directory for members only

**International Yearbook of Children's Rights, Fourth Edition**
Majorie Kaandorp, Dick Schoonenwolf, Christa Eringa and Stan Meuwese (Eds)
Defence for Children International
Copies from DCI Netherlands
PO Box 75297, 1070 AG Amsterdam
The Netherlands
Tel +31 20 420 3771, Fax +31 20 420 3832
Email dcinl@pi.net
$30 excluding p&p

**Offering hope, not despair: Eradicating child labour without putting child workers on the street**
World Vision UK, Policy and Research Department
599 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3PG, UK
Tel +44 1908 841 000, Fax +44 1908 841 015

**Promoting humanitarian principles: the southern Sudan experience,** 1997
(promotion of international humanitarian law and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in rebel-controlled areas)
Iain Levine
Relief and Rehabilitation Network
Overseas Development Institute
Portland House, Stag Place, London SW1E 5DP UK
Tel +44 171 393 1674 or +44 171 393 1647
Fax +44171393 1699, Email rrn@odi.org.uk

**Robbed of Humanity: Lives of Guatemalan Street Children, 1997** ISBN 0-9630180-5-1
Pangaea
226 Wheeler Street South, St. Paul, MN 55105-1927 United States of America
Tel +1 612 690 3320, Fax +612 690 1485
Email bonzi@pangaea.org
US $16.00

**Report on the Torture of Street Children in Guatemala and Honduras 1990 - 1997**
Casa Alianza / Covenant House Latin America, ISBN 9968 9834 3 8
SJO 1039, PO Box 025216, Miami FL 33102-5216, United States of America
Tel +506 253 5439 (in Costa Rica)
Fax +506 224 5689 (in Costa Rica)
Email bruce@casa-alianza

**The Scars of Death: Children Abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda,** 1997
Human Rights Watch, Children's Rights Project
Human Rights Watch
485 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10017
United States of America
Tel +1 212 972 8400, Fax +1 212 972 0905
Email hrwnyc@hrw.org

**A Sourcebook for Reporting Under the Convention on the Rights of the Child,** 1997
Vitit Muntarborn
UNICEF EAPRO and Child Rights Asianet
PO Box 2-154, 19 Phar Atit Road
Bangkok 10200 Thailand
Tel +662 280 5931, Fax +662 280 3563

**Stitching Footballs: voices of children in Sialkot, Pakistan,** 1997
Rachel Marcus et al
Save the Children UK
Publication Sales, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD, UK
Tel +44 171 703 5400, Fax +44 171 793 7630

**War: The Impact on Minority and Indigenous Children,** 1997
Edited by Minority Rights Group, 36pp £4.95, US $ 8.95, plus p&p
Sales Department, Minority Rights Group
379 Brixton Road, London SW9 7DE, UK
Tel +44 171 978 9498, Fax +44 171 738 6265
Email minority rights@mrg.sprint.com

## Forthcoming Meetings on Children's Rights

19 October 1997
**Children are Unbeatable**
Epoch Worldwide, FUNCOE, ISPCC, Rädda Barnen
Epoch Worldwide
77 Holloway Road, London N7 8JZ
United Kingdom
Tel +44 171 700 0627, Fax +44 171 700 1105
Email epoch-worldwide@ncr1.poptel.org.uk

19 - 22 October 1997
**What Place is There for Child Welfare in Tomorrow's Europe?**
ISPCAN VI European Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Barcelona, Spain
Tel +34 3 457 4555, Fax +343 457 4579
Email bac@abaforum.es

20 - 23 October 1997
**Sixth Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect**
Adelaide, South Australia
Tel +61 8 83631307
Email: fcceaton@ozemail.com.au

24 - 25 October 1997
**Child Health and Child Labour**
Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Ms Samira al-Zwaini and Mrs Corrie Baris, NFICH,
PO Box 18009, 3501 CA Utrecht, Netherlands
Tel +31 302 369 878, Fax +31 302 300 019
Email nfich@worldonline.nl

27 - 30 October 1997
**Intenational Conference on Child Labour**
Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Multilateral Department, UN Division
Tel +47 22 24 36 00, Fax +47 22 24 95 80
For information on NGO participation, contact
Redd Barna
PO Box 6200, Etterstad, N-0602 Oslo 6 Norway,
Tel +47 22 08 1600, Fax +47 22 08 1740

20 - 22 November 1997
**Advancing Children's Futures: the Role of NGOs in supporting children's rights**
University Place Conference Centre and hotel, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Registration: Advancing Children's Futures, IUPUI School of Education, 902 W New York Street
Indianapolis IN 46202 5155, United States of America

20 - 22 November 1997
**International Conference on the Rights of the Child and Education**
Paris, France
Conceil Français des Associations pour le Droits de l'Enfant

Jean-Bernhard Gicquel, Secretaire General, 7 Rue Saint Lazare, F 75007 Paris, France
Tel +33 1 428 09610, Fax +33 1 428 04719

28 November 1997
**Prostitution: Violence Against Women and Children**
London, UK
Research Centre on Violence, Abuse and Gender Relations, School of Cultural Studies, Leeds Metropolitan University, Calverley Street, Leeds, LS1 3HE, UK
Tel +44 113 283 6710, Fax +44 113 283 6709, J Bindel@lmu.ac.uk

12 - 13 December 1997
**Annual Scientific Meeting of the Japanese Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (JASPCAN)**
Yokohama, Japan
Tel +81 6 762 4858 , Fax +816 762 4884
Email (David Gough) gough@ikuta.jwu.ac.jp

5 - 23 January 1998
**17th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (full session)**
Maldives, Republic of Ireland, Sierra Leone, Micronesia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

26-30 January
**18th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (pre-sessional working group)**
Fiji, Ecuador, Hungary, Luxembourg, Iraq, Thailand
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland Tel +41 22 917 3937, Fax +41 22 917 0099 Email pdavid.hchr@unog.ch
Web site http://www.unhchr.org

16 - 17 January 1998
**Support Group on Sexual Exploitation of Children**
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27 - 30 January 1998
**San Diego Conference on Responding to Child Maltreatment**
San Diego, California
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31 January 1998
**ISPCAN Training Institute on International CAN Prevention Issues**
In conjunction with the San Diego Conference on Responding to Child Maltreatment, 27-30 January
ISPCAN Secretariat
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9 - 13 March 1998
**Second World Summit on Television for Children**
London, UK
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March 1998
**Committee on the Status of Women Meeting on girls, violence against women, human rights and armed conflict**
Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)
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3 April 1998
**Of Innocence and Autonomy: Children, Sex and Human Rights**
Programme of International Rights of the Child
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26 - 30 April 1998
**International Conference on Education and Children's Rights**
Copenhagen, Denmark
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April 1998
**The Impact of Armed Conflict on Minority and Indigenous Children in the Horn and Great Lakes Regions of Africa**
Kampala, Uganda, April 1997, Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC), Makerere University, and Minority Rights Group
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**Help to hold governments accountable for commitment to girls at Beijing**

Girls achieved long overdue visibility on the agenda of the global women's movement at the 1995 Fourth World Women's Conference in Beijing. Girls' issues were presented as one of the conference's 13 "Critical Concerns".

The International Network for Girls (InFG) was formed at Beijing to hold governments accountable for their promises and to build international and national coalitions to raise awareness, share information and strategies and advocate for the rights and progress of girls.

This has led to InFG distributing country commitment charts to NGOs to follow up progress by governments. A monitoring report will be produced for the March 1998 meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women, at which 'girls' is one of the four themes.

If you are an NGO working with or on behalf of girls, please contact InFG for a copy of the chart. Your contributions will be invaluable.

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